

Amendments

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 5, 7, 8 and 20; and add new claims 23 and 24.

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5. (Amended) The arrangement according to claim 4, wherein the damping mats comprise exchangeable damping elements.

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7. (Amended) The arrangement according to claim 6, wherein the truncated cones have absorption surfaces and the damping elements include cladding sheets having openings in the manner of a sieve covering the truncated cones.

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8. (Amended) The arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the production machine includes a removable carriage having inside plates and outside cladding sheets, and the sound damping material comprises damping mats disposed between the inside reflection plates and the outside cladding sheets, the cladding sheets having openings in the manner of a sleeve.

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20. (Amended) The arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the production machine has air-flow cross sections for supplying process air and flow conduits, at least some of the flow conduits are clad with sound-damping material, and the air-flow cross sections are predominantly concentrated in the flow conduits clad with sound-damping material.

23. (New) The arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the sound-damping material is disposed on the reflection surfaces facing the operator region such that noise from outside of the tobacco production machine is absorbed.

24 ~~23~~. (New) The arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the sound-damping material is disposed on the reflection surfaces facing the operator region such that noise from outside of the tobacco production machine is at most only minimally reflected.